

BEE GEES JOIN UP

Fab Talk

Beatles George and Ringo have become clean shaven again . . . Francoise Hardy has just had a home built for her in *Sardinia* . . . Skip Bifferty is to make a live LP in London's *Marquee Club* . . . Rock and Roll LP due end of March from *The Nashville Teens*. It is their first LP ever . . . Nino Ferrer is the proud owner of seven cars, one bus (mini) and two dogs . . . Peter Tork has become an artist. He has done some zen drawings with bamboo brush and black ink . . . The Plague all met through them being dog owners . . . Gift from Johnathan King to Skip Bifferty member Colin Gibson . . . a collapsible comb! . . . Frazer Hines has bought himself a white Brabham Viva, after bombing around in a helicopter in *Dr. Who* . . . Christian Nesmith's fave word is 'groovy' . . . Graham Bell from Skip Bifferty has had his antique waistcoat, worth £30, stolen while on a gig in Manchester . . . Promotion manager Steve Thomas has just become the owner of two little black kittens called *Fortnum* and *Mason* . . . Clint Eastwood is back in town . . . Family Dogg member Zac, is paying only 1s. 6d. rent since he moved into a cottage on the outskirts of Crawley . . . Zoëy has found a knitting machine in her new Hammersmith flat and is now trying to find out how to work the thing . . . First LP from *The Amen Corner* titled *Around The Corner* due soon . . . Peter Frampton's feeling better after having injections for his septic thumb, got from playing the tambourine too much . . . Since his ski-ing trip there, *Jim Proby* has been raving about *Arosa* . . . Peter has had white socks bought him by the rest of the boys to go with his new white jacket. He is now saving for some white shoes. . . .

FAME-BASIE TOUR

THE great combination of George Fame and Count Basie have got together on a tour. The tour will start on 20th April at the Royal Festival Hall.

The dates booked include: *Streatham (22nd)*, *Leeds (24th)*.

TAKING time off between tours, The Bee Gees fly off to Kenya in May to start work on their first film, *Lord Kitchener's Little Drummer Boys*.

With £300,000 to spend they are hoping to produce a ninety-five to one hundred minute colour film.

The film is, of course, The Bee Gees' "baby" although they've given their ideas to a scriptwriter.

It is the first film the boys have made together but definitely won't be their last as they are already planning a TV film *Cucumber Castle*.

Lord Kitchener's Little Drummer Boys is based on the Boer War and the five BGs are all press-ganged into the army. That's all they are revealing of the plot at the moment.

They will be in Kenya for three to four weeks. The finishing touches to the film will probably be made in England.

The film is only one test the group has to get through this year.

On March 10th, they begin their first British tour. It opens at the Royal Albert Hall in London when as part of their backing they will have a sixty piece orchestra! They then tour England and Scotland.

When they return from Kenya they will be off to America for their first tour there. It will last for five weeks and they'll get one million dollars.

At the moment they are in Germany on an eight-day tour and later this month they go on to Switzerland before returning to Britain on March 10th.

FRAZER'S



With fame already on their side on the pop scene, The Bee Gees are searching for fame in the movie world too.

BEATLES MONKEES IN RECORD RACE

THE world's two top groups, The Monkees and The Beatles, will be racing for top spot in the charts in the weeks to come.

They are both bringing out new singles. The Beatles' runner is *Lady Madonna*. It is a Lennon/McCartney rock number and features Paul as soloist.

On the session were two famous jazz musicians, Ronnie Scott and Harry Klein, and also a four piece sax section.

The "B" side title, *The Inner*

Light, was composed and sung by George. This is the first time that he has featured as a soloist on a Beatles single. The backing was recorded in Bombay while he was there in January.

The Monkees' contestant is *Valerie* and will be released shortly. It was penned by the same team who wrote *The Monkees' Theme* and *Last Train To Clarksville*, Bobby Hart and Tommy Boyce.

As a side runner, The Monkees have completed an LP and it will be issued shortly.

FILM SPOT

BIBLE EPIC

YOU have a splendid double choice this week . . . religion with *The Greatest Story Ever Told* on the one hand, and a very earthy story of human frailty on the other: *Up The Junction*.

So far, only certain people have been able to see *The Greatest Story* at selected cinemas. Now, the massive story of the world's creation right up to Adam and Eve is there for all to marvel at; the